

SCRAPPY SCENES AT THE MEETING OF DEPOSITORS

Agreement Submitted by Re-
habilitation Committee on
Behalf of Mackenzie Is Re-
ceived in Half-Hearted Way
--Dunlap and Platt Cross
Swords.

The proposition of the Rehabilitation Committee of the State Bank and Trust Company is that D. Mackenzie of Goldfield, broker, promoter and mine operator, be entrusted with the management of the bank, in consideration of putting up \$150,000 in securities. The securities are to be placed in escrow in the John S. Cook bank of Goldfield, as a guarantee that the 10 per cent of the deposits will be paid at the expiration of ninety days. After this the bank must take care of itself.

This is the way that the matter was put up to the depositors of the local branch, at the meeting of the depositors at Miners' hall last night. J. T. Shaw, chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, addressed the meeting, or the first part of it, for the reason that the others were not present. In answer to a question of Attorney K. L. Pittman to the effect that if the local depositors were to put up securities to the amount of \$150,000, would they be accorded the privilege given to Mackenzie, Mr. Shaw said that if this could be done Mr. Mackenzie would step down and out.

There were present at the meeting about two hundred depositors, and Chairman Shaw of the Rehabilitation Committee explained that Sam Platt, United States District Attorney, and Cashier Davis of the State Bank and Trust Company, were absent for the reason that there had been a break down of the automobile which brought the party from Goldfield. The mishap occurred about four miles out of town, and Mr. Shaw hired the rest of the way into town. Mr. Shaw explained that Riekey was in no wise connected with the present movement, which had for its purpose the signing of an agreement by the depositors, which would give the control to Donald Mackenzie, who was the only one of the depositors who had been found willing to undertake the reorganization of the affairs of the bank, by putting up the guarantee that the promises of Riekey would be carried out.

"Personally, I have no use for President Riekey," said Mr. Shaw. "I knew him best when I punched cows for him in Mono county seven years ago, when I learned that he was a man thoroughly unworthy of trust. We have nothing to do with the prosecution that has been inaugurated, except that if we can aid it in any way, our services are at the command of the prosecution. I believe that there are honest men connected with the bank, who are in no wise responsible for the present condition of the bank; but I think that the law is reaching in the right direction."

The speaker then reviewed the events of the stockholders at Carson and showed up former President Riekey in anything but an enviable light. He said that he went to him with the proper credentials and offered him \$100,000 if he would give the guarantee that he would bring the depositors safely out of the predicament that he had placed them in, and pay dollar for dollar. But Riekey would not do. As a result of his refusal, there was a committee, comprising himself, Directors Mapes and Wills Brougher, appointed by the stockholders to do the best that they could. The committee took Mackenzie, who had gone to Carson to do all the harm that he could, into his confidence, and with him made an examination of the Carson branch. Mackenzie then declared that if the stock of the bank were turned over to him that he would undertake to pay the depositors dollar for dollar. Behind this movement, Mr. Shaw said, was Wills Brougher, one of the directors.

When Shaw finished his address, he submitted to questions from the audience. These were slow in coming at first, but soon there was a bombardment.

Somebody wanted to know how the securities stood, and Mr. Shaw said that the bank could lose \$400,000 more and still break even. This was, of course, on the proposition of the stock market going up. They wanted to know where the advantage lay in appointing Mackenzie a receiver, without bonds, and having a receiver appointed who would give bonds and be answerable to the court. To this Shaw replied that Mr. Mackenzie was not going into the bank as a receiver. He would be made president, and would appoint as directors local men in the town where each agency exists. Ultimately, the chain of banks would be broken, and they would all become separate national institutions, with the exception, perhaps, of the Manhattan and Blair branches, which would probably be discontinued. As far as Mackenzie putting up bonds, was he not going to put up \$150,000 in securities in the John S. Cook bank at Goldfield?

"Is there anything to stop Mackenzie from dominating the banks as Riekey did?" was asked. "Is there anything to prevent him from selling all the securities in the first 90 days?"

"Do you mean is there anything to stop Mackenzie from turning pirate," replied Shaw. "Well, there will be the board of directors at each bank, and you don't suppose that they will all become felons."

"What is Mackenzie's business?" was asked.

"He is a mine operator."

"His letter heads say that he is a stock broker," came from another source.

"Possibly," returned the imperturbable Shaw. "I believe that stock and mines are the principal business of this country."

"After this 10 per cent is paid," queried R. P. Dunlap, "is there anything looking to the further capitalization of the bank?"

"There is in coin \$87,000 in the banks, and this will not be touched to pay the 10 per cent. All that can be taken in the ordinary channels of business will go to pay the rest of the money due to the depositors. The stock of the State Bank, or 50 per cent of it, is the remuneration for the man who saves the institution."

Not Allowed to Trade Accounts

There will be no more trading of accounts in the State Bank and Trust Company. Word was received yesterday by Cashier Cushman to cease all business, and the bank is practically closed.

It has been the trading of the accounts which has given rise to so much unfavorable comment on the bank, but it could not be avoided while the banks were open for business, when they were supposed to be closed. The orders to suspend business came from Vice-President Myers at Carson, and the presumption is that he was ordered to take this course by Bank Examiner Miller.

When the latter left here it was said that he was going to issue such an order to Cashier Davis, and report to the Bank Commissioners that he had done so, and that furthermore he was going to recommend that a receiver be appointed.

Carson Branch In Better Shape

(By Associated Press.)
CARSON, Feb. 20.—Bank Examiner Miller finished his report of the Carson branch of the State Bank and Trust Company this afternoon. While the report is not made public, it is stated this end of the bank is in better shape than was supposed.

SHIP GOING TO PIECES.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The steamer Roda, which went ashore at James Beach, Long Island, several days ago, was broken into according to reports received from wreckers at work on her today. The Roda carried a cargo of iron ore at the time of the accident.

THAWS ARE TO PART

INSANITY THE GROUND FOR THE SUIT--HITCH IN SETTLEMENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The World states positively, notwithstanding the denial by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, that she and Harry K. Thaw have agreed to part, and that all that remains to be done before the suit for the annulment of their marriage on the ground of Thaw's insanity is brought, is to complete the terms of the financial settlement.

Lawyer Daniel O'Reilly is said to be acting for the young wife and Lawyer Russell Peabody for Thaw in this matter, but they have not been able to reach an agreement as to how she shall receive, because she demands. It is reported, much more than the Thaw family are willing to give.

It is stated that the understanding is that the settlement will be \$100,000 a year.

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TWENTY-EIGHT MEN BLOWN TO ETERNITY

POINTS TOWARD MURDER

LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT
SQUAW MET VIOLENT
DEATH.

A coroner's jury yesterday charged the death of the old squaw, who was found dead in the Indian settlement just outside the town, to Frank Kawich, the murdered woman's husband, and Indian Fred, and the Indians will have a preliminary examination at an early date. Thus far the evidence is purely circumstantial, there being no direct proof of the participation in the crime by the two men who have been accused.

If murder has been committed, and of this there is little doubt, the credit of its discovery must be given to a dog detective. Frank, the husband, and an educated Indian named Mike Clifford, went to Judge Brissell, and told him that the woman had been frozen to death, and wanted to make arrangements for her burial. The judge's dog went after Frank Kawich, sniffing him suspi-

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ROBBER MAKES GOOD HIS THREAT

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Last Saturday night a lone robber, unmasked, entered a saloon run by an old man named Varraris, on Cliff avenue. After holding up the proprietor at the point of a pistol, and securing \$80 from the till, he threatened to be avenged if the victim ever told of the robbery. On Sunday Varraris mustered up courage to inform the police, and tonight the same robber appeared and beat the old man almost to death. He is now in the hospital in a serious condition. The robber escaped.

BOND THE COUNTY FOR GOOD ROADS

EUREKA, Feb. 20.—Tomorrow there will be a convention of two hundred of the foremost citizens of Humboldt county for the purpose of inaugurating a movement looking to bonding the county for a sum ranging from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for the construction of good roads. A road to connect with the State highway through Trinity into the Sacramento valley will be the principal outcome.

WOULD INCREASE MINERS' WAGES

(Special to the Bonanza.)
GOLDFIELD, Feb. 20.—There was a meeting here tonight of a dozen or fifteen operators, which was fraught with importance. At the meeting were Thomas Lockart of the Florence mine; Henry Weber, George B. Holleran, J. Heer, and others. A resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the executive committee of the Mine Owners' Association to increase the wage of the miners from \$4.00 to \$4.50 a day. Vice-President Mahoney was quoted as saying tonight that if the oper-

Ten Tons of Dynamite in Powder House at Pinole Explodes, Spreading Death and Devastation--Residents of Berkeley and Oakland Feared Earthquake.

(By Associated Press.)

BERKELEY, Feb. 20.—With a force that shook the entire bay region as in an earthquake, and with a detonation that was heard for miles, the quinine packing house of the Hercules Powder Works at Pinole, fourteen miles north of here, blew up at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Four white men and twenty-four Chinamen were instantly killed. Ten tons of dynamite in the packing house blew up. W. S. Stillwell, foreman of the packing house, was blown into atoms and not a particle of his remains were recovered. Manuel Enos, Joseph Grace and W. A. Rodrigues were the other white men killed. The twenty-eight dead include every man working in the packing house at the time of the disaster. Flames burst forth in the ruins following the explosion, and threatened the gelatine house where two score of girls were working. A panic ensued and the men were cut by flying glass, and crushed by being trampled on in the mad rush for the doors.

Great excitement was caused at Berkeley and Oakland. People rushed from their houses and places of business, thinking another earthquake had come. It was not long, however, before the real cause of the concussion became known. The Hercules plant is owned by the Dupont De Nemours powder trust, and is used for the manufacture of black powder. The property loss due to today's accident is estimated at \$100,000. No definite cause for the accident can be given. Miss Mary Brazil, employed in packing house No. 2, half a mile from the scene of the explosion, was the most seriously injured of the twelve women and girls in this house. Four male employees of packing house No. 2 were also seriously injured. This house caught fire and burned down.

FOREIGNERS START RIOT IN QUAKER CITY

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—The marching of nearly 1000 foreigners upon the city hall, where they said they intended to make demands upon Mayor Reyburn, precipitated a riot in Broad street late this afternoon, in which twenty persons were injured before the police dispersed the marchers and arrested fourteen of them. The men, most of whom were Italians and Poles, marched from the foreign settlement, in the lower section of the city. The leaders and scores of others carried red flags, having a black border. When they reached Broad street, a few blocks below the city hall, several wagons attempted to pass through the ranks. The drivers were dragged from their seats by the marchers and beaten. Policemen came to the rescue and a riot call was sent in, and when the reserves arrived a general riot was in progress. Some of the marchers drew revolvers and began firing at the police and mounted officers, riding into the center of the fight, used their batons right and left upon the heads of the leaders. In the melee three policemen were shot and slightly wounded. Charles Munn, an onlooker, was struck in the leg by a stray bullet. Fourteen participants, who were severely clubbed, had to be sent to the hospital. Joseph Troi declared by the police to have been the leader, while A. Donnetti and Michael Costello were his assistants. Donnetti, according to witnesses, is the man who shot one of the policemen, and with the other two he was locked up on a charge of inciting a riot, and assault and battery, with intent to kill. The other eleven prisoners were charged with inciting riot. Nearly all those arrested carried a weapon of some sort.

ators complied with the resolution, he would call off the strike and that the men would all return to work on Monday.

One of the big operators when seen tonight declared that the executive committee would turn down the resolution for the reason that they had won the battle against the miners, and that they had no propositions to make or receive.

There is considerable feeling here tonight, and the general trend of the conversation is to the effect that the trouble which has tied up Goldfield for several months past will be settled by Monday.

THERE WILL BE MORE TO FOLLOW

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 20.—Alex B. Butt, cashier of the wrecked Peoples' Bank of Portsmouth, Va., today pleaded guilty upon three of twenty-two indictments against him and after making restitution to the depositors to the extent of \$37,000, on a total shortage of \$252,000, he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$7184.